

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FARM SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

AN INTRODUCTION TO FARM SECURITY

Before you fill out an application for help from the FSA, please read and consider the following information carefully.

In coming to the FSA, you undoubtedly want to borrow some money. You probably feel that if you can borrow this money, your problem will be solved. If this is true, then you can and should do business with some other credit agency.

If FSA is going to help you, you must be ready to "team up" with us in carrying out a better farm and home management program. This means planning and carrying out a program to increase the milk production of each one of your cows. It means planning and carrying out a crop program on your farm which will increase the yields of the principal crops you will grow. In this way you can produce milk more efficiently. It also means planning and carrying out a program to obtain as much of your living as possible from your farm.

From time to time the FSA Supervisor will visit your farm to discuss with you your progress in carrying out these plans. There will probably be new problems which you will also want to discuss with him. We expect that you will do all you can to follow his recommendations.

There are then three fundamental points which must be understood by you if we are to be successful in "teaming up."

1. We want to help each family help themselves.

2. FSA is not just another lending agency - each FSA borrower needs more than just money.

3. There must be a sincere desire on the part of you and your wife to cooperate with FSA.

It cannot be made too clear that we feel, in order to be successful, you must decide now to do a better job of farming.

After considering the program outlined above, if you feel that FSA can help you, complete your application and it will be considered by the County FSA Committee.



